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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I strongly urge you to protect local competition in broadband internet services.

As both a consumer and small business owner, local competition allows me to get better services at reasonable prices. I've shopped around, tried different services, and picked the best - that's the way it should be.

Please don't make me go back to the telecom monopolies!

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